

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving ~~at a computer~~ a report from outside counsel;
identifying a business practice to which the report is relevant;
evaluating the report relative to the business practice to determine whether the report is indicative of a risk of litigation;
determining that the business practice presents a ~~significant~~ risk of litigation; ~~and~~
issuing an alert that identifies the business practice as a ~~significant~~ risk of litigation;
logging the alert in a database that is stored in a computer; and
updating the database to indicate that corrective action has been taken relative to the logged alert, said corrective action comprising termination or modification of the identified business practice.

21-22 (canceled)

23. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~22~~ 20, further comprising:

confirming that the corrective action remains in place.

24. (currently amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein, the computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:
computer readable program code means for receiving a report from outside counsel; ~~and~~

computer readable program code means for logging an alert in a database, the alert identifying a business practice as a ~~significant~~ risk of litigation, the report having been evaluated relative to the business practice to determine whether the report is indicative of a risk of litigation; and

computer readable program code means for updating the database to indicate that corrective action has been taken relative to the logged alert, said corrective action comprising termination or modification of the identified business practice.

25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied in said medium, said computer program product having:

computer readable program code means for receiving a report from outside counsel; ~~and~~

computer readable program code means for logging an alert in a database, the alert identifying a business practice as a ~~significant~~ risk of litigation, the report having been evaluated relative to the business practice to determine whether the report is indicative of a risk of litigation; and

computer readable program code means for updating the database to indicate that corrective action has been taken relative to the logged alert, said corrective action comprising termination or modification of the identified business practice.

27. (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A computer system programmed to:

receive a report from outside counsel; ~~and~~

log an alert in a database, the alert identifying a business practice as a ~~significant~~ risk of litigation, the report having been evaluated relative to the business practice to determine whether the report is indicative of a risk of litigation; and

update the database to indicate that corrective action has been taken relative to the logged alert, said corrective action comprising termination or modification of the identified business practice.

29. (canceled)

30. (new) The method of claim 20, wherein the report is received by a company and concerns litigation to which the company is not a party.

31. (new) The article of manufacture of claim 24, wherein the report is received by a company and concerns litigation to which the company is not a party.

32. (new) The computer program product of claim 26, wherein the report is received by a company and concerns litigation to which the company is not a party.

33. (new) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the report is received by a company and concerns litigation to which the company is not a party.